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For: TAT-DERIVED OLIGOUREA AND
ITS METHOD OF PRODUCTION
AND USE IN HIGH-AFFINITY AND
SPECIFIC BINDING OF HIV-1TAR RNA

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 14, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued November 14, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 14, 2003 Office Action is due February 14, 2004. However, because February 14, 2004 falls on a Saturday, and Monday, February 16, 2004 is a Federal Holiday, a response to the November 14, 2003 Office Action is now due Tuesday, February 17, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.